

Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/605,013

Applicant(s)

KAJITA ET AL.

Examiner

Tia A Carter

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/27/00.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 06/690393.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claims 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kikuchi et al. (US. 5552901).

Regarding claim [10], Kikuchi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus (see Fig. 1) comprising:

reader (reader control unit-23) means for reading an original image (fig. 4, col. 5, lines 62-65);

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interface means (LAN control Unit 13) connectable to a local area network (Fig. 3, col. 5, lines 34-35);

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LAN information memory means (Transmission document table 27) for storing information on the user or the client on said local area network (Fig. 5, col. 6, lines 21-38);

designation means (communication management unit 10) for designating a user or a client on said local area network to which the image data read by said reader means are to be transferred (Fig. 11, col. 14, lines 48-67), based on the information stored in said LAN information memory means (Fig. 8, col. 8, lines 37-54); and

image memory means (document data storage 30) for storing the image data read by said reader means in correlation with the user and/or the client designated by said designation means (fig. 1, col. 5, lines 10-11& lines 61-64; fig. 5, col. 6, lines 8-11).

Regarding claim [11], Kikuchi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus (see Fig. 1) according to claim 10, further comprising:

first reception means (communication control unit 20) for receiving information on the user and/or the client on said local area network, at a predetermined interval from said user and/or client (fig. 11, col. 15, lines 26-29); and

first renewal means (transmission document table 27) for renewing the information stored in said LAN information memory' means, based on the information received by said first reception means (Fig. 5, col. 6, lines 20-48).

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Regarding claim [12], Kikuchi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus (see Fig. 1) according to claim 10, further comprising:

second reception means (reception document table 28) for receiving information on the user and/or the client on said local area network, from said user and/or client, when a designation operation is initiated by said designation means (fig. 5, col. 6, lines 39-48) ; and

second renewal means (communication management table 32) for renewing the information stored in said LAN information memory means, based on the information received by said second reception means (Fig. 7, col. 7, lines 10-24).

Regarding claim [13], Kikuchi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus (see Fig. 1) according to claim 10, further comprising:

confirmation means for confirming whether the information on the user and/or the client designated by said designation means is renewed (fig. 14, col. 19, lines 1-6);

third reception means (parameter management unit 12) for receiving information on the user and/or the client, from the user and/or client designated by said designation means, when the renewal of said information is confirmed by said confirmation means (Fig. 14, col. 19, lines 7-30); and

third renewal means (parameter tables 26) for renewing the information stored in said LAN information memory means, based on the information received by said third reception means (fig. 14, col. 19, lines 34-54).

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Regarding claim [14], Kikuchi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus (see Fig. 1) according to claim 13, further comprising informing means (transmission history report 59) for informing the renewal, in case the renewal of the information on the user and/or the client is confirmed by said confirmation means (fig. 14, col. 9, lines 20-31) .

Regarding claim [15], Kikuchi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus (see Fig. 1) according to claim 10, further comprising:

detection means for detecting that the information on the user and/or the client on said local area network is renewed (fig. 14, col. 19, lines 34-54);

fourth reception means for receiving information on the user and/or the client on said local area network, from said user and/or client, in case said detection means detects the renewal of the information on the user and/or the client fig. 14, col. 20, lines 4-11); and

fourth renewal means for renewing the information stored in said LAN information memory means, based on the information received by said fourth reception means (fig. 15, col. 20, lines 33-58).

Regarding claim [16], Kikuchi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus (see Fig. 1) according to claim 15, wherein said fourth renewal means is adapted to renew the information on the user and/or the client, only for the user and/or the client for which the renewal of the information is detected by said detection means Fig. 15, col. 20, lines 33-43).

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Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Oysuka (US. 5579126), Matsueda et al. (US. 6301016), Wheeler (5384835), Hastings (US. 5307462), Morita et al. (US. 5832470) are cited to show related art with respect to facsimile apparatus communications via LAN.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tia A Carter whose telephone number is 703 - 306-5433. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams can be reached on 703-305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-6056.



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